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¶1. (SBU) On June 10, Emboff discussed the U.S. nonpaper (ref) with European Correspondent Jernej Muller. Muller said the EU Foreign Ministers would prepare for the European Council, which would issue a Declaration on Afghanistan/Pakistan, as well as discuss Burma, and the European Security Strategy. He listed the conclusions expected from the June GAERC on: the Middle East Peace Process, Cuba, 3 sets on the Western Balkans - visa liberalization, regional cooperation, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Lebanon, Iraq, Moldova, and most probably Somalia/Atalanta, and maybe also conclusions on Guantanamo in advance of the expected U.S.-EU joint statement. He noted that Georgia had been postponed to the July GAERC agenda. Muller offered the following views:

¶2. (SBU) The Western Balkans: The FMs' discussion on the Western Balkans at the external relations session would focus on ICTY, and Chief Prosecutor Brammertz would take part; visa liberalization; and Bosnia and Herzegovina. On visa liberalization, Muller explained that Slovenia supported the findings of the European Commission, but at the same time believed that visa liberalization was not only a technical matter, but had political implications for the region. He stressed that it was a political decision for member states. He repeated the oft-stated concern that Bosniaks could be left behind because Bosnia and Herzegovina had not fulfilled EU expectations. According to Muller, the FMs would have a short discussion on Bosnia and Herzegovina to show their support of High Representative Inzko.

¶3. (SBU) Cuba: Muller agreed that in its political dialogue with Cuba, the EU should tackle all the issues, including those originally addressed in the Council's June 2008 decision.  
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